

Special Ass't. (Admin.) for DD/I

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25X1A9a In line with experience gained at yesterday's PRC meeting, advised 25X1A9a
that the Library of Congress project pending revision in OCD should include adequate explanation as to the need for and value of the Monthly List of Russian Accessions and the Cyrillic Catalogue. General Cabel at the meeting emphasized the importance of project write-ups adequately explaining the "validation" of the project. In this connection, General Cabel requested that 25X1A9a
prepare a check list of the typical questions asked by the Committee to provide guidance to offices in preparing project write-ups.

Referred back to OSI upon its return by General Cabel the Staff Study proposing the appointment of 25X1A9a as a consultant with a request that additional information be provided concerning the nature and value of the services that would be performed by 25X1A9a at an estimated cost of \$500 a month. 25X1A5a1

25X1A5a1 Met with 25X1A9a OIC, and 25X1A5a1
to discuss various problems concerning the budget and project approval. I again urged that every effort be made to secure completion of the development of new projects to be undertaken in the next fiscal year in order that they might be considered by 25X1A5a1 at the same time that the project for administrative expenses is considered. This project covering 25X1A9a
Security and Document Control, etc., totals approximately 25X1A1a
and I believe that it would be most unfortunate to have it considered separately rather than in conjunction with the projects to be administered. The 25X1A5a1 request for extension of the contract through fiscal year 1954, which is pending with the CIA Contracting Officer, was also discussed. The request provides for increasing the present total contract authorization of the 25X1A1a which, together with the 25X1A1a presently uncommitted under the present contract authorization, would provide a program level of approximately 25X1A1a during the next fiscal year. It was agreed that working in conjunction with the Contracting Officer, that 25X1A9a
would draft an appropriate memo for DD/I's signature requesting extension of the contract.

Met with representatives of the Budget Division and OSI to discuss steps to be taken in connection with the OSI requirement for a survey and analysis of the possibility of establishing a centralized reporting system on animal morbidity and mortality within the United States. OSI had originally requested approval in principal for providing financial support to the Bureau of Animal Industry in the Department of Agriculture ~~for~~ undertaking this project. It was the decision of both the DD/I and the Comptroller that we were not authorized to finance such a project inasmuch as it is clearly the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture and involves the use of 25X1A9a funds for domestic purposes. As an initial step, it was agreed that 25X1A9a
should consult with Dr. Simms, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, to assure him that funds could not be made available by our Agency and to explain the importance of BAI's undertaking the study within the present available funds. As the initial cost of the project is only 25X1A1a it would appear that provision could be made by BAI within existing funds.